

**FRESNO**, CA - Congressman Jim Costa is seeking local student artists to compete in the Congressional Art Competition for the Twentieth District of California.

The competition is open to ninth through twelfth grade students who live in the 20<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. The deadline for submission of artwork is Friday, February 24, 2006.

Over the summer, the local winner will be invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony in Washington, DC honoring the new entries, which are placed on exhibit at the Nation's Capitol.

"This is a great opportunity to showcase the amazing talent of students from the Central Valley," stated Costa. The artwork from student artists nationwide will be displayed in the pedestrian walkway to the nation's Capitol for one year.

Interested parties can contact Fabiola González in Congressman Costa's district office for guidelines or any other questions. The Fresno office is located at, 855 'M' Street, #940, Fresno, California 93721.

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